THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Department of Telecommunications has given clearance to this technology.

Time bound local calls

548. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to introduce time bound local telephone calls with each call being metered on a three minute basis;

(b) whether this suggestion is pending with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) by when this system is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Fixing of Limit of Teaching Periods per Week in Delhi Schools

549. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY.
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for obtaining efficient and effective service from teachers, Government had at one time decided to fix the maximum number of periods per week per teacher in Government and Government aided schools in Delhi at 28 and 32 periods per week;

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken to implement the decision and since when the action thereon is pending; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to information furnished by the Delhi Administration, the decision in principle taken in this regard by the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration was not finally approved by the competent authority.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expansion of Vayudoot Services

550. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state what are the plans of Vayudoot to extend its services on additional routes or extend its routes for the current year and the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Subject to development of infrastructure facilities, economic viability of operations and availability of aircraft capacity, Vayudoot has plans to airlink 41 new stations during the Seventh Plan Period. A statement listing these stations is attached.